REMARKS

The Examiner contends that the application contains the following inventions, which are not linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 16-17, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), wherein the variables R1-R3 independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, the variables R1-R3 independently are not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, and their methods of use.
- II. Claims 1-13 and 16-17, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), wherein the variable R1 represents pyridyl, furyl or thiazole thereof; the variables R2-R3 independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, the variables R2-R3 independently are not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, and their methods of use.
- III. Claims 1-13 and 16-17, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), containing compounds not encompassed in Groups I-II thereof.
- IV. Claims 1-8 and 18-19 and 22, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), wherein the variables R1-R3 independently do not represent heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, the variables R1-R3 independently are not substituted with heteroaryl or heterocycle thereof, and their methods of use.
- V. Claims 1-8 and 18-19 and 22, in part, drawn to compounds/compositions of formula (I), containing compounds not encompassed in Groups IV thereof.

The Examiner has also requested an election of single species for search purposes under the elected Group. In addition, the Examiner states that Group III and V will be subject to further restriction if elected.

Applicants elect Group I without traverse. Applicants elect benzyl 4-ethyl-2-formyl-5-phenyl-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylate as the species.

Applicants have amended the claims to cancel withdrawn subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter in subsequent applications claiming benefit herefrom.

If a telephonic communication with Applicants' representative will aid in the advancement of the prosecution of this application, please telephone the representative indicated below.

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